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LETTER DATED 7 FEBRUARY 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 24 November 1999 and 29 January 2000, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Iranian violations of the ceasefire and the 1991 Tehran agreement, 24 November 1999-29 January 2000

1. 24 November 1999

A truck was seen entering Iraqi territory from the Sanubah area on the Iranian side carrying Iranians intent on carrying out acts of sabotage inside Iraq.

2. 25 November 1999

An Iranian pick-up truck carrying 6 to 10 armed men returned after infiltrating Iraqi territory through the area mentioned in paragraph 1 above. As it reached the Iranian boundary, the occupants opened fire on some Iraqi herdsmen. The Iranian post opposite the area in question also sought to cover the vehicle's withdrawal by firing a mortar round at the herdsmen.

3. 3 December 1999

At 1220 hours a helicopter was seen opposite our units at coordinates 9078. It was coming from Muhammarah, flying parallel to the boundary line and heading in a northerly direction 2 kilometres inside Iranian territory. At 1235 hours it returned to the Iranian rear from a point opposite our units at coordinates 9002 (map of Tahiri).

4. 6 December 1999

At 1240 hours a helicopter was seen coming from Abadan inside Iranian territory and flying along the Shatt al-Arab at an altitude of 200 metres. At 1245 hours it headed towards the Iranian rear.

5. 6 December 1999

At 1120 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen opposite our units at coordinates 9073 (map of Tahiri).

6. 6 December 1999

At 1230 hours an Iranian helicopter flying at low altitude was seen coming from Muhammarah towards the Iranian cemetery at coordinates 9179 (map of Tahiri). Two minutes later it returned to the Iranian rear.

7. 12 December 1999

At 1315 hours a white and green Iranian helicopter was seen coming from beyond Zalu At. It landed at the Zalu Ab post at coordinates 118748 and four persons alighted, one of them wearing an abaya. It remained at the post for one hour and then took off and flew along the boundary line in the direction of Mehran. It then came back along the boundary line towards the same mountain

chain before turning towards the Iranian rear opposite the Darraji post at coordinates 103718.

8. 18 December 1999

At 1100 hours a helicopter approached from the Iranian rear and landed at the Iranian Jallat post at coordinates 84019. It later took off and returned towards the Iranian rear.

9. 24 December 1999

At 1145 hours an Iranian helicopter was observed in the Abadan area flying parallel to the Shatt al-Arab inside Iranian airspace in the direction of the Iranian Kasbah area opposite Faw. At 1215 hours it headed towards the Iranian rear.

10. 5 January 2000

At 1900 hours three late-model Landcruisers entered from the Iranian side by way of the Ayn al-Abd post (map of Wadi Dirmani) heading towards Shihabi. At 2200 hours it returned by the same route.

11. 7 January 2000

An armoured personnel carrier was seen near the Iranian mound opposite the Khalid post and the Faris post in the Karashiyah area of Jassan district.

12. 9 January 2000

At 1700 hours the Iranian side bombarded our units at coordinates 2086 with heavy mortars in the area of the Zubaydat post in the Amarah sector.

13. 10 January 2000

At 0935 hours monitoring post 167 K.N.S 51 south of Mandali reported hearing a sound from beyond the boundary. Between 1117 and 1121 our visual monitoring posts facing the boundary with Iran between the Mandali and Ali al-Gharbi areas reported hearing and seeing two combat aircraft flying at low altitude and high speed along the Iraq-Iran boundary and then returning towards the east.

14. 13 January 2000

At 1335 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen opposite our units deployed along the line of the Iranian border strip heading from the Wahab post to the Mansur post at coordinates 6127 (1:100,000 map of Huwayzah). It then returned to the Iranian rear.

15. 15 January 2000

At 1530 hours the Iranian side bombarded our units at coordinates 2677 with 120-mm mortars. Eleven high-explosive rounds impacted.

16. 16 January 2000

At 1930 hours the Iranian side launched three RPG-7 40-mm grenades at our national territory from the area between the Arafat post and the Hasan al-Askari post at coordinates 4689. There were no losses.

17. 17 January 2000

At 1050 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen reconnoitring the Iranian shore of the Shatt al-Arab from the Iranian side, heading from the north towards the west. It then returned in the opposite direction.

18. 18 January 2000

At 1600 hours PFC Haytham Hassun Thajil and PFC Dawud Salim Husayn were gathering wood near the Shirhani post when they were ambushed by some 20 Iranians. The Iranians fired on them and PFC Thajil was killed. PFC Husayn was [wounded,] abducted and taken to the Iranian rear.

19. 23 January 2000

At 1500 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming along the border strip from the Shayb post at coordinates 7320 and heading towards the Fakkah post at coordinates 5150 at an altitude of 150 feet. At 1520 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

20. 23 January 2000

At 1050 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the rear and hovering opposite the Karmathiyah post at coordinates 1049 before heading south. At 1115 hours it was seen landing at the Iranian post opposite our units at coordinates 3248. Five persons alighted, one of them in civilian dress. At 1140 hours the helicopter took off and then landed at the Iranian post opposite the Tall post at coordinates 2749. It then left for the Iranian rear.

21. 24 January 2000

At 0900 hours the Iranian side erected a metal tower at coordinates 8436 (1:100,000 map of Baydah), opposite our units. The work is still proceeding.

22. 24 January 2000

At 1030 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen in the Khazinah area at coordinates 5030 opposite the Ali al-Gharbi area. It landed at 1050 hours and three Iranians alighted. They drove off the Iraqi herdsmen in the Wadi al-Jiftah area, firing four light-weapons rounds. At 1120 hours the helicopter took off and hovered over the herdsmen while more shots were fired. At 1128 hours it landed one kilometre from monitoring post 408 inside our territory. At 1130 hours it took off in the direction of the Iranian rear.

23. 24 January 2000

At 1025 hours a helicopter was seen circling an area at coordinates 1873. Seven minutes later it landed in Iranian territory opposite monitoring post 410 at coordinates 1873. Seven soldiers alighted, and they proceeded to search the wadis inside Iranian territory. Three shots were then fired in the wadis, and they began to remove the Iranian herdsmen located in the area. At 1048 hours the helicopter landed near monitoring post 409 at coordinates 2766 and five soldiers alighted accompanied by a civilian carrying papers. At 1055 hours it took off for the Iranian rear.

24. 26 January 2000

At 1030 hours two helicopters were seen hovering inside Iranian territory opposite our units at coordinates 5528. At 1100 hours the same two helicopters were again seen in the sector, and at 1145 hours they returned to the Iranian rear.

25. 27 January 2000

At 1000 hours a helicopter was seen hovering over the border strip opposite our units at coordinates 8009. At 1010 hours it returned to the Iranian rear.

26. 29 January 2000

At 1600 hours a helicopter was seen flying inside Iranian territory over the Iranian units in the Mehran sector.

27. 29 January 2000

At 1030 hours a helicopter was seen landing at the Iranian post opposite the Kirmashiyah post at coordinates 1046. It then flew inside Iranian airspace opposite the Ziyadi post at coordinates 1647.